

RECOGNIZING 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 81st anniversary of National Bible Week.

In 1941, weeks before the United States entered into World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the week of Thanksgiving as National Bible Week. This celebration recognizes the spiritual and historical significance of the Bible. It is a week where we can come together and celebrate this holy book. The Bible shaped our Nation's history and continues to provide guidance to the lives of so many.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to live in a country where we can freely read Scripture and worship the Lord without fear of persecution. The Bible is timeless and continues to provide us with words of wisdom, comfort, and guidance as we navigate unprecedented times.

Madam Speaker, I leave you with this verse from 2 Timothy 3:16–17, one that I keep close to my heart: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING LANDON SCHOOL THIRD GRADERS

(Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the third grade classes at Landon School.

In the class of Ms. Brown is my nephew, Jake, who, like his fellow classmates, works very hard to treat others with respect and honor.

That is one of the important principles of Landon because Landon holds firmly to the conviction that character matters, and they aim to graduate students who will positively impact their communities.

The Landon third graders are off to a good start, recently finishing a unit on the three branches of government.

I am honored they have asked me to join them over Zoom to tell them about what it is like being a Member of Congress.

I applaud Landon students for showing interest in the important work of serving in government, and I expect, Madam Speaker, that one day some of them will end up right here, speaking at the podium. Go Bears.

CONGRATULATING TAKEITA TOLLMAN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Savannah attorney Takeita Tollman for her placement on the Georgia Trend 40 Under 40 list.

Takeita is a very impressive young woman who has dedicated her life to public service. She began her career as a certified nurse assistant in high school, intending to become a doctor upon graduation.

Once she reached college, she realized that her passion was in writing and turned to a career in the legal profession.

Takeita attended law school at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. Takeita's legal specialties are Social Security disability, workers' compensation, and personal injury.

Takeita is serving some of the most vulnerable within our community. She is dedicated to helping people not just in the office but after hours, too.

She is a member of the Port City Bar Association and offers job shadowing to members of 100 Black Men of America. She also organized a sock drive for Savannah's homeless population.

I am proud to say that stories like Takeita's aren't uncommon in Savannah, though this makes them no less impressive. It just shows the kind of city we are.

I take this opportunity to thank Georgia Trend for recognizing Takeita's excellent work today and congratulate her on making the 40 Under 40 list.

ONGOING CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. FULCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the ongoing crisis at our southern border.

Recently, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas stated that the border is secure. No one, including the Border Patrol agents he is tasked with leading, believes that assertion.

The truth is, in the last month, border agents reported over 70,000 apprehensions at the southern border, the highest month on record.

Now, you may ask yourself: Why is a Member of Congress from Idaho concerned about what is happening 700 miles away?

The truth is, the Biden administration's dereliction of duty at the border has consequences for millions of Americans across the country, including my constituents in Idaho.

Idaho Sheriff Kieran Donahue raised the alarm on how our porous border and drug cartels are creating the

fentanyl crisis in so many communities, warning that due to these policies, fentanyl is at everyone's doorstep.

In 26 days, Republicans will take control of this Chamber, and the Biden administration should be prepared to take account for their complete failure to address this border crisis.

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WE ARE A NATION OF CARING AND HUMANITARIANISM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, 18 days before this Nation turns its eyes toward a beautiful recognition—for those of us who practice the understanding of the birth of our Lord—Christmas—and the many other faiths that will celebrate their special days in their own way—Brittney Griner still remains incarcerated in the most devastating, horrific, cruel, and brutal conditions. She must come home, along with Paul Whelan.

At the same time, I stand with the defenders of democracy, Ukraine, and hope that we will provide the resources necessary and be able to accept their fight for democracy while our former President asks to suspend our Constitution. Let us do the support for Ukraine and not suspend the Constitution.

Finally, ravaging floods are still plaguing the people of Pakistan. We have asked for \$600 million. They deserve those dollars to be able to restore their lives—pregnant women, families, farmers suffering and starving. It is necessary, as an ally of the United States, that we try to respond in this funding cycle now—dollars needed for Pakistan.

I look forward to working with the administration to provide the relief that they need. We are a Nation of caring and humanitarianism.

Bring Brittney Griner home now.

MAKE AMERICA MORE SAFE AND SECURE

(Mr. FALLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, it shouldn't be a partisan issue when we talk about the border and border security.

You know what it really comes down to?

It is the United States of America versus the Mexican drug cartels.

In April of this year, we had 234,000 illegal border crossings. It was the worst on record, by the way, only to be exceeded the very next month, in May, by 241,000 illegal border crossings.

Why do I mention this?

Because we don't know who these people are. No one ever talks about the 3.8 million people in the world that are